

CHAPTER 636  
MOTORIZED BICYCLE RIDER EDUCATION

**761—636.1(321) Information and location.** Applications, forms and information regarding this chapter are available by mail from the Office of Driver Services, Iowa Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 9204, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9204; in person at 6310 SE Convenience Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa; by telephone at (515)237-3153; or by facsimile at (515)237-3071.

**761—636.2(321) Definitions.**

“*Approved course*” means the motorized bicycle rider education course approved by the department.

“*Sponsor*” means an entity that delivers the approved course.

**761—636.3** Reserved.

**761—636.4(321) Agencies or institutions.** Any school district, area education agency, merged area school, other agency or individual planning to offer a motorized bicycle rider education course must receive course approval from the department prior to the beginning of the first class that is offered and annually thereafter. The agency or institution or individual shall complete a form provided by the department to apply for course approval. Course approval will be issued for a calendar year or remainder of a calendar year. The approval expires on December 31 and must be renewed annually.

**761—636.5(321) Private or commercial sponsors.** The department licenses private and commercial sponsors offering motorized bicycle rider education.

**636.5(1) Instructor and course approval.** The department must approve the sponsor’s course and instructors prior to the beginning of the first class that is offered and annually thereafter.

**636.5(2) Application and fees.** Application for authorization or renewal shall be made to the department on forms provided by the department. The fee for an authorization or a renewal is \$25 for a private or a commercial sponsor. The fee must be paid by cash, money order or check. A money order or check must be for the exact amount and should be made payable to the Treasurer, State of Iowa, or the Department of Transportation.

**636.5(3) Issuance and renewal.** Authorization to offer motorized bicycle rider education shall be issued for a calendar year or remainder of a calendar year. The authorization expires on December 31 and must be renewed annually.

**636.5(4) Cancellation.** The authorization to teach motorized bicycle rider education shall be canceled if the course or instructors are no longer approved.

**761—636.6** Reserved.

**761—636.7(321) Course requirements.**

**636.7(1) Classroom instruction.** An approved course shall consist of a minimum of six clock hours of classroom instruction which includes the instructional components contained in subrule 636.7(3).

**636.7(2) Driving instruction.** Motorized bicycle rider driving experiences in addition to classroom instruction are permissible, but not required.

**636.7(3) Course content.** The following instructional components shall be incorporated in every motorized bicycle rider education course.

*a. Operator and motorized bicycle preparation.*

- (1) Knowledge of Iowa driving laws.
- (2) Knowledge of vehicle registration requirements.
- (3) Vehicle inspection.
- (4) Protective clothing and devices.
- (5) Risk assessment.
- (6) Route selection.

*b. Basic control skills.*

- (1) Starting procedures.
- (2) Speed control.
- (3) Turning.
- (4) Stopping.

*c. Safe driving practices.*

- (1) Use of lights and warning devices.
- (2) Signaling.
- (3) Maintaining directional control.
- (4) Perception skills and observation.
- (5) Use of mirrors.
- (6) Recognition of hazards.
- (7) Speed control.
- (8) Lane positioning.
- (9) Concerns and conflicts regarding intersections.
- (10) Following distances.
- (11) Lateral separation.

*d. Complex situations.*

- (1) Limited visibility.
- (2) Adverse weather.
- (3) Critical situations.
- (4) Malfunctions.

*e. Motorized bicycle care.*

- (1) Inspection.
- (2) Maintenance.

**761—636.8(321) Teacher qualifications.** A teacher of an approved motorized bicycle rider education course shall possess a valid license allowing unaccompanied driving other than a temporary restricted license and shall be able to operate a motorized bicycle. A teacher must also have a clear driving record for the previous two years. A clear driving record means the teacher has:

**636.8(1)** Not been identified as a candidate for driver's license suspension under the habitual violator provisions of rule 761—615.13(321) or the serious violation provisions of rule 761—615.17(321).

**636.8(2)** No driver's license suspensions, revocations, denials, cancellations, disqualifications or bars.

**636.8(3)** Not committed an offense that would result in driver's license suspension, revocation, denial, cancellation, disqualification or bar.

**636.8(4)** No record of an accident for which the individual was convicted of a moving traffic violation.

**761—636.9(321) Evaluation.** Each student shall be evaluated to determine successful completion of the course.

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CHAPTERS 637 to 639

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